

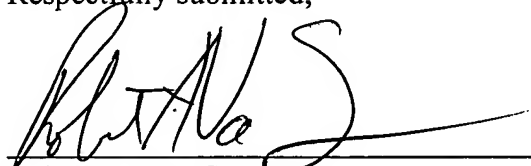
REMARKS

In the Office Action, pending claims of 1-5, 9, 14, 17-22 and 38-53 were subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. The Examiner restricted prosecution to one of four claim groups, namely: Group I (claims 1-5 and 9); Group II (claims 14 and 17-22); Group III (claims 38-48); and Group IV (claims 49-53). Applicant hereby elects Group III (claims 38-48). Claims 1-5, 9, 14, 17-22 and 49-53 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuit of those claims in related applications.

By this Reply and Amendment, new claims 54-69 have been added. The new claims are fully supported throughout the written specification and figures. For example, support for the various claims can be found with reference to Figures 3-5, 7-9, 12-14 and the related description. No new matter has been added.

The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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